Details of the facilities installed or proposed to be installed in various modernized/proposed to be modernized stations in Andhra Pradesh are to include the following:

(a) Improved circulating area

(b) Improved concourse

(c) Better Platform surfaces

(d) Improved waiting halls with good toilets

(e) Adequate lighting on Platforms and other conspicuous locations at station

(f) Modern design water booths.

(g) Improved seating arrangements, etc.

Moreover, Secunderabad is one of the 22 stations identified for development as world class stations.

Deficiencies in computerized reservation system

703. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an information technology audit of the Railways computerized passenger reservation system has revealed some serious deficiencies causing wasteful expenditure and inconvenience to the passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Information Technology Audit of Indian Railways Computerised Passenger Reservation System has revealed few design deficiencies and certain areas of concern related to system based and manual controls.

Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), IT arm of the Indian Railways, has initiated necessary corrective measures. Further-fine tuning of software of such a vast scale IT enabled system is an on-going process. As and when any software bug or deficiency is noticed, the same is rectified appropriately on priority.

Gauge conversion in North Eastern Region

704. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gauge conversion works of railway lines going on in North Eastern Region, during the last three years project-wise;

(b) the details of budgetary allocation made by Government for the region during this period; and

(c) the details of present status of above gauge conversion works in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (c) The details of ongoing gauge conversion works in North Eastern Region alongwith present status is as under:-